

TOWN AND COUNTRY IN BRIEF.

Local Events of The Past Week Recorded For Busy Blade Readers.

Piano for sale at a reasonable price. L. Kathryn Felt.

Judge Morehead, of Meadville, was here on business yesterday.

Theo. Hetrick is over from Illinois spending a few days with relatives.

Miss Fay Morrison, of Green Castle, is visiting the family of Wm. Mize.

Mrs. R. Moss, who has been quite sick for several days, is slowly improving.

About 500 bushels of corn for sale by J. H. Bagenstos, one mile west of Forker.

Richard Fleshman, of St. Louis, visited the family of Richard Miller here the past week.

S. M. Brown, the music dealer, has returned from a two weeks' business trip to Chicago.

Mrs. F. Howard, of Chariton, Iowa, is here visiting her daughter, Mrs. R. Miller, and family.

Misses Hilda Barnes and Effie Botts, of Meadville, were guests of Mrs. Lockridge last Sunday.

Mrs. B. F. Chivington and daughter Ginevra, of Brookfield, were guests of L. Kathryn Felt the past week.

Buy your threshing coal now. F. R. Power will have a car here next Tuesday and Wednesday at 14 cents per bushel on track.

L. Kathryn Felt's music class gave a recital under her direction at the Felt home last Tuesday afternoon. The program contained 37 numbers, at the close of which refreshments were served.

Old Settlers and Woodmen Linneus News.

The two big days for the capital city will soon be here. Twenty days only intervene between today and the gathering of old settlers on August 1. The committees have the work of making that a great success well in hand. The finances, speakers, amusements, etc., have been provided. The principal attractions will be the addresses by Hon. J. H. Whitecotton and Dr. Matt Hughes, the appearance in this city for the first time of the celebrated Cameron military band, the baseball game between Linneus and Milan clubs and the famous chorus club of this city. The following day will witness the annual gathering of the mighty host of Woodmen of this county, at which time Hon. Geo. W. Reilly, of Danville, Ill., will deliver one of his magnificent addresses on Woodcraft. Again will the Cameron military band furnish abundance of music, which will be supplemented by the chorus club. Another great exhibition of the national game will take place, drills by forester teams, parades, foot races and scores of other interesting and amusing numbers will be on the official program.

Two Cent Rate in All States.

An official of the Burlington at Omaha last Wednesday announced that within ten days the Burlington would put in operation a two-cent fare schedule between all points on that system, regardless of whether or not the different states have passed a two-cent fare bill.

The Burlington traverses Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri, Iowa, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota and South Dakota. Clerks are now working on the new schedule and the rate will be placed in operation just as quickly as the tariff is completed.

The action of the Burlington undoubtedly will cause other roads in the same territory to follow suit.

State Items

A farmer near Hale took 105 potatoes, ranging in size from goose eggs to buckshot, all from one hill.

Wolves and worthless dogs are playing havoc with the sheep in the vicinity of Hale for the past few weeks.

Every time a batch of prisoners is taken to the state penitentiary, the citizens of Jefferson City rejoice. The town is striving for a population of "25,000 by 1908."

The Utica citizens "rotten-egged" a wife deserter and his paramour out of town last week and have promised him something worse should he dare to show his face in their town again.

Grain dealers have been through the greater portion of Missouri, and the crops are as usual. They look for a prosperous autumn and winter, should all the good signs come true, and good signs abound.

Many farmers are now naming their farms. The latest legislature encouraged this practice by passing a law requiring county clerks to record the names of farms for a fee of \$1. No two farms in the same county may bear the same name.

Fourteen hundred fourth class postoffices in Missouri sent \$41,853.13 to the Kansas City office, the Missouri depository, last week. The plan of making the Kansas City office the depository for Missouri fourth class offices was recently ordered by the postoffice department.

A Mrs. Spaulding, of Chillicothe, has been declared insane because she gives her two children and herself salt water baths every day, sometimes as many as a dozen a day each. When the officers called to arrest her, she made them wait till she had given the family another round of baths. The children's bodies are broken out with sores caused by the salt water.

The Jefferson City Republican-Review has suspended publication because it has not been a financial success. The paper was run through the last campaign by the republican state committee. It was afterward sold under mortgage by Thomas Niedringhaus, chairman of the committee, to Walter S. Dickey, of Kansas City. Two weeks ago it was sold to the State Journal publishing company, of St. Louis, which soon put a quietus on it.

Some persons are actually marks for misfortune. Last week a Randolph rural mail carrier started out on his trip, when the rain began to fall in torrents. He approached a creek, only to find that the bridge had been washed away. He turned round to take shelter under a friendly oak, but before he reached the tree a bolt of lightning tore the top out of it and the poor mail carrier was forced to stand and take the soaking rain.—Hale Hustler.

It is certainly hard to frame a game law in Missouri that does not work severe hardships. Take, for instance, the new law, which makes it unlawful to kill elk in this state. Wouldn't it be awful for one of the vast herds of elk which abound in our villages and cornfields to come charging down the lane, tree the dog, paw down the front door and trample the inmates, without allowing them the right of defence? Even the man who is on bad terms with the butcher will be denied his customary portion of elk steak. It is bad enough for the Missouri boomers and pioneers to have to live on tough elk meat in the absence of other sustenance without having to violate the game law to get it. Shoot the elk, we say, and stop these ravages on the crops and poultry. What is a common, everyday elk, that he should enjoy more protection under the law than a book agent?—Linn Creek Reville.

MANY GOING TO BIG CIRCUS

Laclede Will Be Well Represented at Exhibition in Brookfield Saturday, July 20

The people of this vicinity will have but one opportunity of seeing Ringling Brothers' World's Greatest Shows this year, the exhibition at Brookfield on Saturday, July 20, being the only one to be presented near here. It is an opportunity that all lovers of good amusement should avail themselves of, as the Ringling Brothers have organized a circus so excellent, so large and so full of novelty that it is above comparison with any other show.

Foreign agents stationed in Europe and Asia were instructed last winter to engage every act of prominence regardless of cost, and the result is a performance absolutely monopolizing all the world's best talent. What these agents left for other shows to engage was not considered good enough for the Ringling Brothers to bother with. There are over 300 performers with the circus and 100 big acts, not one of which any other show could afford to pay for. The Riccobono horses which wear trousers, coats and boots, and stand and walk on their hind feet all the time they are in the ring, are the greatest trained animal act the world has ever seen.

Other attractions are Alexander Patty, the only man on earth who can walk on his head as others walk on their feet; DeKock's wonderful dog that walks around the ring on its hind feet, balancing a man on its head; the wonderful five Bedinis, from Italy, who jump simultaneously to the back of a single horse; the great Kaufmans, who ride unicycles on a high wire with the handle bars removed; the Holloways, of London; the Marnello-Marnites, acrobatic bell ringers; Daisy Hodgini, the celebrated Italian rider and only woman who can turn a somersault while on horseback, and the Mirze Golem troupe, loaned to the Ringling Brothers by the shah of Persia.

If the space were to spare, 100 more acts, better than ever before seen in this country, could be mentioned. Suffice it to say that Ringling Brothers have an organization so wonderful as to stand on a plane by itself high above any other kind of amusement. And there will be but one opportunity for the people of this vicinity to see it.

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